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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter in support of the November 2, 2001 settlement reached by the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. However, I would like to state that I continue to be opposed to the antitrust case itself. I feel that Microsoft's operations didn't warrant the lawsuit. But, I am very pleased that a settlement has finally been reached.

Microsoft has provided a new vision for the technology industry. In addition, Microsoft has given a new and greater understanding of computers to the public. I can't begin to imagine what the government found wrong with the way Microsoft conducts its business. I feel the government was wrong to target Microsoft and also for trying to break apart this company. Our government should spend its time and resources, which are funded by taxpayers like myself, on matters that directly affect the public. Making Microsoft share its programming information with competitors by disclosing their internal interface codes, and being under the constant eye of the Federal government with a three-person monitoring committee is totally unnecessary.

In our great country, we shouldn't penalize individuals or companies that make strides above the rest. In fact, our government should do the exact opposite, and encourage more growth and innovation from private businesses. This will only strengthen our weakened economy. Microsoft has the ability to provide our country with endless innovation. Please allow them to do so

cc: Representative Jeff Flake

Sincerely,



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